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SUBJ: SEIZED U.S. TUNA VESSELS: LICENSE FOR A.K. STROM

1. FOLLOWING FEB 28 MORNING MEETING AT CONGEN ATTENDED BY MRS. DAVID RICO, CAPT. RICO, GEORGE GLIGO, LAWYER ZAPATIER AND CONSUL GENERAL, LAST FOUR NAMED WENT TO OFFICES OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF FISHERIES FOR MEETING WITH WILSON ARROYO AND LEGAL ADVISOR SANCHEZ. ARROYO STATED HE HAD NO AUTHORITY TO GRANT LICENSE TO TUNA VESSELS OVER 600 NRT BUT SAID HE WOULD TRY TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR GROUP WITH SUB-SECRETARY FOR FISHEREIS RODRIGUEZ AT 1530 FEB 28. ARROYO SUGGESTED RATIONALE FOR LICENSE FOR A.K. STROM BE DISCUSSED AT THAT MEETING AND, AT SAME TIME, FORMAL PETITION FOR STROM LICENSE BE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONCEJO NATIONAL DE DESARROLLO PEQUENO WHICH SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 1600.

2. DURING MEETING WITH ARROYO IT POINTED OUT THAT RICO WANTED COMPLY WITH ECUADOREAN LAW BUT UNABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE 600 NRT RESTRICTION BANNED HIM FROM LICENSE PURCHASE. AS SOLUTION TO PROBLEM, IT SUGGESTED THAT ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES SEAL WELLS ON STROM TO BRING CAPACITY BELOW THAT OF 600 NRT THUS MEETING CONSERVATION SPIRIT OF ECUADOREAN LAW. BOAT WOULD RETURN TO
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ECUADOREAN PORT PRIOR TO DEPARTING ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS TO

VERIFY SEALS NOT BROKEN. IT IN INTEREST OF CAPTAIN TO SUBMIT TO THIS INSPECTION KNOWING HE COULD BE PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS IF HE FAILED TO COMPLY. IT ALSO NOTED THAT THIS JUSTIFICATION FOR STROM LICENSE COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT HIGH LEVEL TALKS SEEKING LONG RANGE SOLUTION TO 600 NRT PROBLEM.

3. ZAPATIER INCORPORATING THESE SUGGESTIONS IN PETITION HE NOW DRAFTING. FOLLOWING LUNCH AT RESIDENCE FOR RICOS AND DEWITTS, GROUP WILL MEET AT CONGEN AT 1500 PRIOR TO MEETING WITH SUB-SECRETARY WHICH SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE AT 1530.
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